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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A warp knitted <u>narrow width</u> tape for a slide fastener, <u>having narrow width</u> <u>comprising</u>: <u>, and</u>

<u>a plurality of multiple</u> wales extended in parallel in <u>along</u> a length direction of the tape, wherein the wales are divided into

a first group of the wales having at least two of the wales, the first group of wales being associated with a fastener element attaching portion of the tape disposed along a side edge of the tape and extending in a width direction, and

a remaining group of the wales being associated with a tape main body adjacent to the fastener element attaching portion of the tape;

one or more first knitting yarns disposed across adjoining wales in the first group of wales;

a second knitting yarn on each of the wales in the first group of wales, the
second knitting yarn and the one or more first knitting yarns being entangled; and
one or more other knitting yarns composing the warp knitted tape
associated with the tape main body;

wherein among knitting yarns forming stitches of a fastener element attaching portion composed of multiple wales, a dry heat shrinkage ratio of the one or more first knitting yarns disposed across adjoining wales such that they at least entangle with another knitting yarn on the wales in the fastener element attaching

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portion and the second knitting yarn is set lower than a dry heat shrinkage ratio of the one or more other knitting yarns composing the warp knitted tape.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The warp knitted tape for the slide fastener according to claim 1, wherein the dry heat shrinkage ratio of the <u>one or more first</u> knitting yarns disposed across one or more adjoining wales such that they entangle on the wales in the fastener element attaching portion is 4 to 10% while the dry heat shrinkage ratio of <u>the one or more</u> other knitting yarns which compose stitches in the warp knitted tape is 10 to 20%.

Claim 3 (Currently amended) The warp knitted tape for the slide fastener according to claim 1 elaim 2, wherein the dry heat shrinkage ratio of the one or more first knitting yarns disposed across one or more wales such that they entangle with a wale most adjacent to the fastener element attaching portion is 4 to 10%.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The warp knitted tape for the slide fastener according to claim 1 or 2, wherein <u>a</u> width of a groove between the <u>one</u> wale in the <u>remaining group of the wales</u> tape main body that is most adjacent to the fastener element attaching portion and the <u>another</u> wale in the <u>remaining group of the wales</u> tape main body that is adjacent to that the <u>one</u> wale is 0.8 to 1.5 mm.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The warp knitted tape for the slide fastener according to claim 1 or 3, wherein the one or more first knitting yarns disposed across-

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two or more adjoining wales such that they entangle with respective wales in the fastener element attaching portion and the tape main body and a the second knitting yarn disposed in a zigzag configuration along the respective warp wales disposed on the fastener element attaching portion are composed of multiple filaments having a single fiber size of 1.5 to 4.0 dTex while all the one or more other knitting yarns are composed of multiple filaments having a single fiber size of 0.5 to 1.5 dTex.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The warp knitted tape for the slide fastener according to claim 1, wherein all the one or more other knitting yarns composing at least the tape main body are bulky processed yarns.